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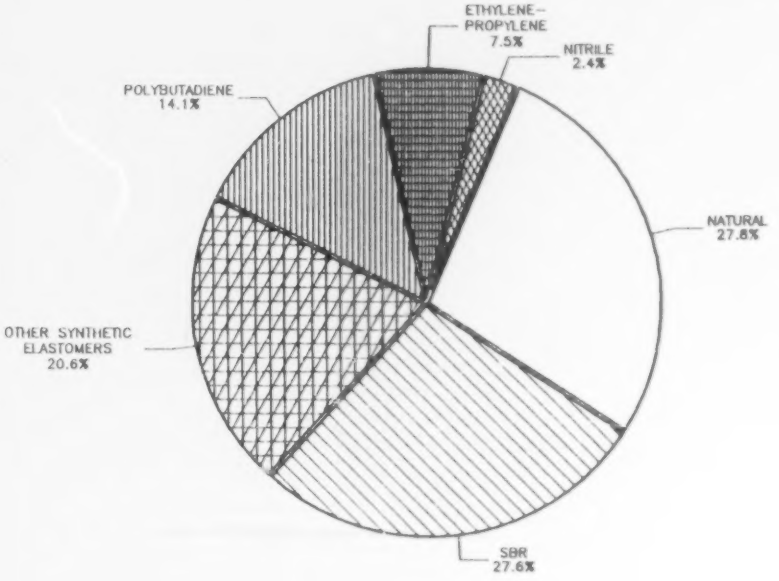
RUBBER CONSUMPTION
MONTHLY REPORT

RMA 2
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1988

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly analysis of production, imports, exports, stocks, and apparent consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber. The procedures used by the Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile the data are reviewed annually by the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee which is made up of rubber industry representatives. The categories were selected to conform with the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes assigned by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and are so annotated.

1987 RUBBER CONSUMPTION BY TYPE



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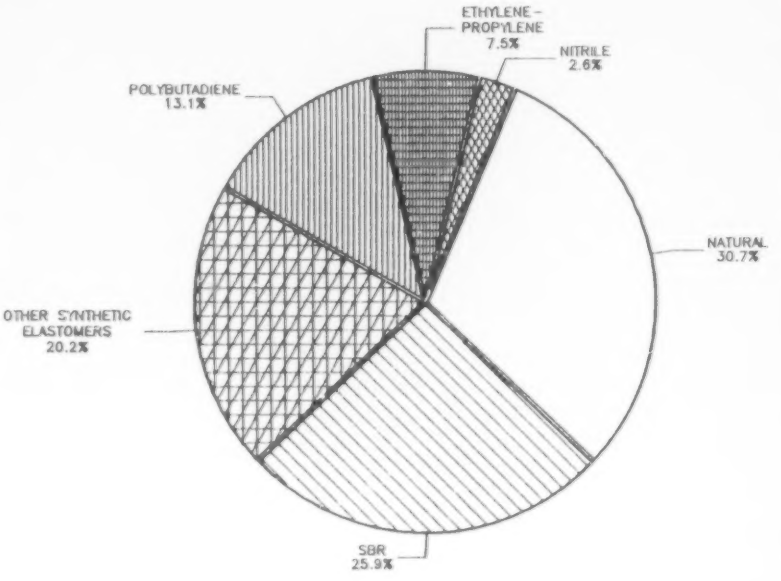

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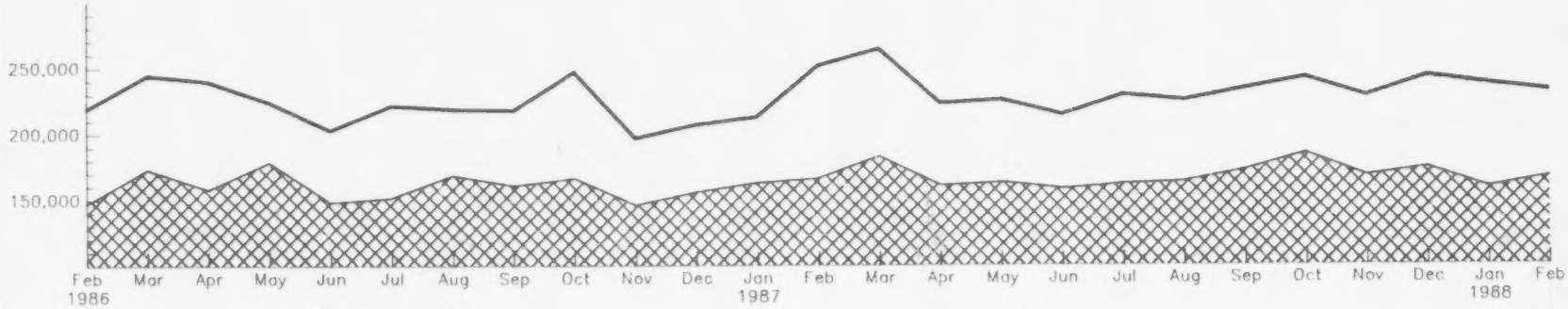
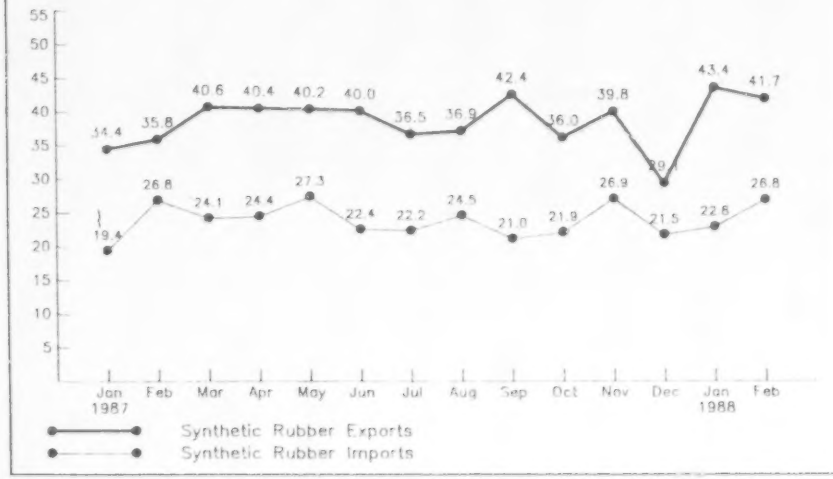
MONTHLY TOTAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION – NATURAL & SYNTHETIC



NOTE: NATURAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION IS THE VERTICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CURVES
(Figures in Metric Tons)

MONTHLY RUBBER IMPORTS VS. EXPORTS – SYNTHETIC
(Figures in Thousands of Metric Tons)



YTD CONSUMPTION OF NEW RUBBER
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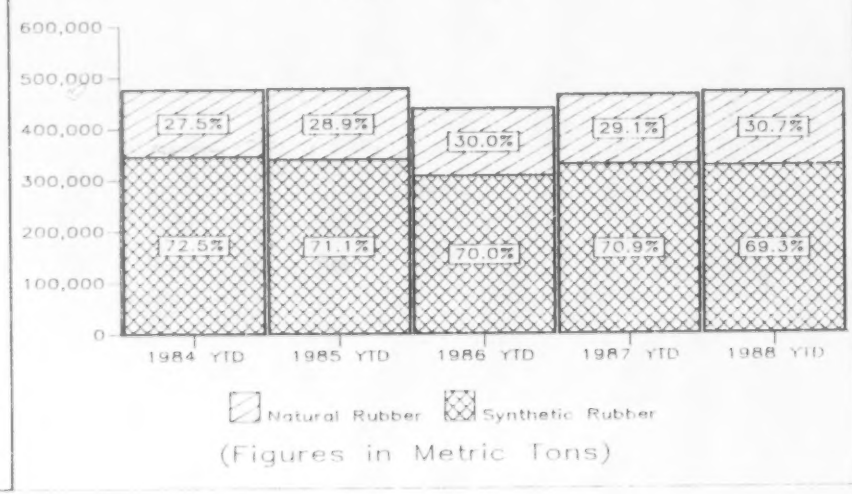

(Figures in Metric Tons)

RMA INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT
(FIGURES PRESENTED IN METRIC TONS)

TOTAL NEW RUBBER	BEGINNINING STOCKS	NEW RUBBER AVAIABLE	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	314,585	259,260	72,137	37,422	212,742	323,681
February	323,745	295,598	118,140	39,589	251,491	328,263
Cumulative		554,858	190,277	77,011	464,233	
March	319,780	300,285	106,724	43,136	264,078	312,850
April	318,404	267,760	93,687	43,241	222,879	320,043
May	320,728	271,721	91,925	45,045	225,701	321,703
June	321,310	256,328	81,363	42,767	214,089	320,783
July	320,811	281,723	95,534	38,971	229,229	334,335
August	334,915	247,473	83,328	39,863	224,970	317,555
September	317,267	256,329	80,285	46,236	234,040	293,321
October	291,936	268,572	77,574	38,584	242,473	279,451
November	277,053	273,723	90,779	43,307	228,183	279,286
December	281,649	296,756	101,935	32,844	243,452	302,109
YEAR		3,275,528	1,093,411	491,005	2,793,327	
1988						
January	301,427	292,920	105,968	45,216	237,385	311,736
February	312,509	275,476	96,348	45,678	231,986	310,321
Cumulative		568,396	202,316	90,894	469,371	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	3.7	-6.0	-9.1	1.0	-2.3	-.5
Month 87 vs Month 88		-6.8	-18.5	15.4	8.4	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		2.4	6.3	18.0	-1.1	

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TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER	BEGINNNINING STOCKS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	STOCK PILE DELIVERIES	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	% TOTAL NEW RUBBER	ENDING STOCKS
1987							
January	76,921	52,777	3,084		49,942	23.5	76,672
February	76,664	91,293	3,800		85,376	33.9	78,781
Cumulative		144,070	6,884		135,318		
March	71,483	82,592	2,545		81,295	30.8	70,235
April	76,067	69,292	2,858		62,303	28.0	80,198
May	80,276	64,625	2,802		62,607	27.7	79,492
June	79,152	58,939	2,795		56,299	26.3	78,997
July	78,997	73,309	2,483		67,350	29.4	82,473
August	82,473	58,857	2,916		61,406	27.3	77,008
September	77,007	59,268	3,870		61,848	26.4	70,557
October	70,241	55,629	2,629		57,389	23.7	65,852
November	65,738	63,855	3,500		60,625	26.6	65,468
December	65,164	80,388	3,714		69,379	28.5	72,459
YEAR		810,824	36,996		775,819		
1988							
January	72,492	83,208	2,841		78,841	33.2	74,018
February	74,861	69,585	3,974		65,200	28.1	75,272
Cumulative		152,793	6,815		144,041		
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% Percentage Change							
Prev Month vs Curr Month	3.3	-16.4	39.9		-17.3		1.7
Month 87 vs Month 88		-23.8	4.6		-23.6		
Prev Year vs Curr Year		6.1	-1.0		-8.3		

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(FIGURES PRESENTED IN METRIC TONS)

NATURAL RUBBER DRY	BEGINNINING STOCKS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	STOCK PILE DELIVERIES	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	69,897	48,605	2,421		46,175	69,906
February	69,899	87,470	3,086		81,678	72,605
Cumulative		136,075	5,507		127,853	
March	65,307	74,211	1,009		75,560	62,949
April	68,783	62,637	1,832		56,277	73,311
May	73,390	58,550	2,268		57,452	72,220
June	71,881	53,713	1,884		50,588	73,122
July	73,122	67,184	1,928		61,849	76,529
August	76,529	52,478	2,316		56,241	70,450
September	70,450	51,166	3,149		54,223	64,244
October	63,928	49,262	1,730		50,781	60,679
November	60,566	53,153	2,739		54,562	56,418
December	56,115	71,833	2,977		61,863	63,108
YEAR		730,262	27,339		707,249	
1988						
January	63,141	73,506	2,090		70,806	63,751
February	63,751	63,235	2,811		61,111	63,064
Cumulative		136,741	4,901		131,917	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	1.0	-14.0	34.5		-13.7	-1.1
Month 87 vs Month 88		-27.7	-8.9		-25.2	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		.5	-11.0		3.2	

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NATURAL RUBBER LATEX	BEGINNINING STOCKS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	STOCK PILE DELIVERIES	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	7,025	4,172	663		3,768	6,766
February	6,766	3,823	714		3,698	6,177
Cumulative		7,995	1,377		7,466	
March	6,177	8,381	1,536		5,737	7,285
April	7,285	6,655	1,026		6,027	6,887
May	6,887	6,075	534		5,156	7,272
June	7,272	5,226	911		5,712	5,875
July	5,875	6,125	555		5,501	5,944
August	5,944	6,379	600		5,165	6,558
September	6,558	8,102	721		7,626	6,313
October	6,313	6,367	899		6,609	5,172
November	5,172	10,702	761		6,064	9,049
December	9,049	8,555	737		7,515	9,352
YEAR		80,562	9,657		68,578	
1988						
January	9,352	9,702	751		8,036	10,267
February	11,110	6,350	1,163		4,088	12,209
Cumulative		16,052	1,914		12,124	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	18.8	-34.6	54.9		-49.1	18.9
Month 87 vs Month 88		66.1	62.9		10.4	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		100.8	39.0		62.4	

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TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	% TOTAL NEW RUBBER	ENDING STOCKS
1987							
January	237,663	189,123	19,360	34,338	162,799	76.5	247,009
February	247,080	177,458	26,847	35,789	166,114	66.1	249,482
Cumulative		366,581	46,207	70,127	328,913		
March	248,296	193,561	24,132	40,591	182,782	69.2	242,616
April	242,336	174,073	24,395	40,383	160,576	72.0	239,845
May	240,452	179,706	27,300	42,243	163,094	72.2	242,211
June	242,158	174,965	22,424	39,972	157,789	73.7	241,786
July	241,814	186,189	22,225	36,488	161,879	70.6	251,861
August	252,422	164,145	24,471	36,947	163,564	72.7	240,547
September	240,259	176,044	21,017	42,366	172,191	73.6	222,763
October	221,695	190,998	21,945	35,955	185,084	76.3	213,599
November	211,315	182,944	26,924	39,807	167,558	73.4	213,818
December	216,484	194,821	21,547	29,130	174,072	71.5	229,650
YEAR		2,184,027	282,587	454,009	2,017,502		
1988							
January	228,934	186,952	22,760	42,375	158,553	66.8	237,718
February	237,648	179,128	26,763	41,704	166,786	71.9	235,049
Cumulative		366,080	49,523	84,079	325,339		
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% Percentage Change							
Prev Month vs Curr Month	3.8	-4.2	17.6	-1.6	5.2		-1.1
Month 87 vs Month 88		.9	-.3	16.5	.4		
Prev Year vs Curr Year		.1	7.2	19.9	-1.1		

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TOTAL SBR	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	101,576	69,063	5,780	13,473	61,389	101,557
February	101,581	70,105	8,164	13,070	64,737	102,043
Cumulative		139,168	13,944	26,543	126,126	
March	101,991	76,922	7,033	17,658	70,379	97,909
April	97,901	68,868	7,027	14,307	64,363	95,186
May	95,181	69,811	7,938	15,716	61,293	95,921
June	95,890	67,163	5,347	15,215	57,405	95,780
July	95,780	67,963	6,522	10,267	59,646	100,352
August	100,978	69,251	6,644	12,219	64,742	99,912
September	99,812	67,827	6,515	17,073	67,653	89,528
October	88,834	72,490	6,989	13,132	74,714	80,467
November	80,467	73,308	9,458	16,623	63,213	83,397
December	83,380	77,593	5,860	13,361	61,337	92,135
YEAR		850,364	83,277	172,114	770,871	
1988						
January	92,351	72,881	6,716	14,099	60,030	97,819
February	97,819	72,647	7,108	16,727	61,722	99,125
Cumulative		145,528	13,824	30,826	121,752	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	5.9	-.3	5.8	18.6	2.8	1.3
Month 87 vs Month 88		3.6	-12.9	28.0	-4.7	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		4.6	-.9	16.1	-3.5	

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SBR DRY	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	97,720	66,938	3,086	12,125	57,094	98,525
February	98,549	67,234	5,412	10,796	61,476	98,923
Cumulative		134,172	8,498	22,921	118,570	
March	98,871	72,279	4,585	16,054	65,403	94,278
April	94,270	65,560	5,139	12,034	61,831	91,104
May	91,100	65,593	5,195	12,416	57,644	91,828
June	91,796	63,641	3,613	11,561	55,187	92,302
July	92,302	63,444	4,115	8,749	55,565	95,547
August	95,547	65,375	4,468	9,541	60,614	95,235
September	95,235	63,555	4,835	15,006	63,971	84,648
October	84,648	67,106	5,034	10,724	70,732	75,332
November	74,603	70,324	6,671	12,206	61,886	77,506
December	77,488	74,474	4,363	10,493	59,018	86,814
YEAR		805,523	56,516	141,705	730,421	
1988						
January	87,030	68,966	4,689	10,805	58,026	91,854
February	91,642	69,420	5,226	13,098	60,152	93,038
Cumulative		138,386	9,915	23,903	118,178	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	5.3	.7	11.5	21.2	3.7	1.3
Month 87 vs Month 88		3.3	-3.4	21.3	-2.2	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		3.1	16.7	4.3	-.3	

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SBR LATEX	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	3,856	2,125	2,694	1,348	4,295	3,032
February	3,032	2,871	2,752	2,274	3,261	3,120
Cumulative		4,996	5,446	3,622	7,556	
March	3,120	4,643	2,448	1,604	4,976	3,631
April	3,631	3,308	1,888	2,273	2,472	4,082
May	4,082	4,218	2,743	3,300	3,650	4,093
June	4,093	3,523	1,734	3,654	2,218	3,478
July	3,478	4,519	2,407	1,518	4,082	4,804
August	5,430	3,876	2,176	2,678	4,127	4,677
September	4,677	4,272	1,680	2,067	3,681	4,881
October	4,187	5,385	1,955	2,408	3,984	5,135
November	5,865	2,983	2,787	4,417	1,326	5,892
December	5,892	3,118	1,497	2,868	2,318	5,321
YEAR		44,841	26,761	30,409	40,390	
1988						
January	5,321	3,915	2,027	3,294	2,004	5,965
February	6,178	3,227	1,882	3,629	1,571	6,087
Cumulative		7,142	3,909	6,923	3,575	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	16.1	-17.6	-7.2	10.2	-21.6	2.1
Month 87 vs Month 88		12.4	-31.6	59.6	-51.8	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		43.0	-28.2	91.1	-52.7	

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TOTAL NITRILE	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	12,094	6,164	929	909	4,725	13,553
February	13,560	5,231	1,129	861	5,918	13,141
Cumulative		11,395	2,058	1,770	10,643	
March	12,989	6,676	1,252	1,136	5,854	13,927
April	13,933	5,604	1,276	1,252	5,996	13,565
May	13,685	6,035	1,199	1,339	5,363	14,217
June	14,164	6,023	1,661	1,496	5,780	14,572
July	14,572	4,373	1,065	968	4,511	14,531
August	14,531	3,719	1,767	1,083	5,787	13,147
September	13,147	7,108	1,332	903	6,311	14,373
October	14,373	5,154	1,476	1,179	5,762	14,062
November	14,062	5,714	1,505	1,258	5,456	14,567
December	14,567	6,741	1,584	985	6,598	15,309
YEAR		68,542	16,175	13,369	68,061	
1988						
January	15,309	5,081	1,768	1,156	5,902	15,100
February	15,100	5,612	1,449	1,474	6,184	14,503
Cumulative		10,693	3,217	2,630	12,086	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	-1.4	10.5	-18.0	27.5	4.8	-4.0
Month 87 vs Month 88		7.3	28.3	71.2	4.5	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		-6.2	56.3	48.6	13.5	

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POLYBUTADIENE	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	37,393	31,577	5,426	4,738	30,851	38,807
February	38,807	29,693	8,623	6,184	31,259	39,680
Cumulative		61,270	14,049	10,922	62,110	
March	39,648	33,526	9,065	4,545	38,316	39,378
April	39,379	29,984	6,929	5,599	30,951	39,742
May	39,741	29,873	7,458	6,394	31,348	39,330
June	39,548	31,075	7,159	5,312	33,370	39,100
July	39,127	31,601	6,944	4,959	32,493	40,220
August	40,220	23,553	6,139	4,236	30,065	35,611
September	35,611	31,241	4,423	5,218	33,911	32,146
October	32,146	33,940	6,300	3,851	35,497	33,038
November	33,030	32,214	6,629	4,592	32,965	34,315
December	34,088	33,073	6,869	5,188	33,423	35,419
YEAR		371,350	81,964	60,816	394,449	
1988						
January	34,965	33,505	6,134	6,657	30,751	37,196
February	37,126	31,560	6,638	5,885	30,691	38,748
Cumulative		65,065	12,772	12,542	61,442	
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% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	6.2	-5.8	8.2	-11.6	-.2	4.2
Month 87 vs Month 88		6.3	-23.0	-4.8	-1.8	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		6.2	-9.1	14.8	-1.1	

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ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	46,369	23,665	466	3,786	17,039	49,675
February	49,653	20,509	422	3,714	16,015	50,855
Cumulative		44,174	888	7,500	33,054	
March	50,374	21,830	656	4,224	18,847	49,789
April	49,788	20,998	659	4,209	16,613	50,623
May	50,618	21,080	401	4,300	16,463	51,336
June	51,189	20,980	431	3,648	17,219	51,733
July	51,733	20,282	551	3,660	15,665	53,241
August	53,196	18,375	428	3,611	17,332	51,056
September	51,056	20,682	603	3,900	18,768	49,673
October	49,673	22,374	900	3,505	18,740	50,702
November	50,702	20,683	768	4,674	17,782	49,697
December	49,697	22,602	853	3,997	18,402	50,753
YEAR		254,060	7,138	47,228	208,885	
1988						
January	50,732	21,502	233	5,005	16,298	51,164
February	51,164	19,338	654	4,424	18,747	47,985
Cumulative		40,840	887	9,429	35,045	
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	.9	-10.1	180.7	-11.6	15.0	-6.2
Month 87 vs Month 88		-5.7	55.0	19.1	17.1	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		-7.6	-.1	25.7	6.0	

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BUTYL, POLYISOPRENE, POLYCHLOROPRENE SILICONE AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS	BEGINNINING STOCKS	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	APPARENT CONSUMPTION	ENDING STOCKS
1987						
January	40,231	56,654	6,759	11,432	48,794	43,418
February	43,480	51,919	8,509	11,960	48,186	43,762
Cumulative		108,573	15,268	23,392	96,980	
March	43,294	54,607	6,126	13,028	49,386	41,613
April	41,337	48,620	8,504	15,016	42,716	40,729
May	41,227	52,997	10,304	14,494	48,627	41,407
June	41,367	49,723	7,826	14,301	44,014	40,601
July	40,602	61,971	7,143	16,634	49,563	43,519
August	43,519	49,247	9,493	15,798	45,640	40,821
September	40,534	49,186	8,144	15,272	45,549	37,043
October	36,669	57,040	6,280	14,288	50,372	35,329
November	33,054	51,026	8,564	12,660	48,142	31,842
December	34,752	54,812	6,381	5,599	54,311	36,035
YEAR		637,802	94,033	160,482	575,300	
1988						
January	35,577	53,983	7,909	15,458	45,572	36,439
February	36,437	49,971	10,914	13,194	49,441	34,687
Cumulative		103,954	18,823	28,652	95,013	
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
% Percentage Change						
Prev Month vs Curr Month	2.4	-7.4	38.0	-14.6	8.5	-4.8
Month 87 vs Month 88		-3.8	28.3	10.3	2.6	
Prev Year vs Curr Year		-4.3	23.3	22.5	-2.0	

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BUTYL	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
1987		
January	3,250	
February	4,829	
Cumulative	8,079	
March	1,530	
April	3,818	
May	4,706	210
June	3,890	
July	3,667	
August	6,199	
September	4,982	
October	2,807	
November	5,970	
December	3,785	
YEAR	49,433	210
1988		
January	5,163	
February	7,126	
Cumulative	12,289	
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
% Percentage Change		
Prev Month vs Curr Month	38.0	
Month 87 vs Month 88	47.6	
Prev Year vs Curr Year	52.1	

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POLYISOPRENE	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
1987		
January	1,697	550
February	1,102	495
Cumulative	2,799	1,045
March	1,571	663
April	640	581
May	1,262	625
June	1,008	655
July	588	955
August	436	689
September	599	485
October	780	541
November	409	892
December	472	813
YEAR	10,564	7,944
1988		
January	721	436
February	971	623
Cumulative	1,692	1,059
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
% Percentage Change		
Prev Month vs Curr Month	34.7	42.9
Month 87 vs Month 88	-11.9	25.9
Prev Year vs Curr Year	-39.6	1.3

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POLYCHLOROPRENE	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
1987		
January	521	3,568
February	708	2,957
Cumulative	1,229	6,525
March	793	4,374
April	730	4,442
May	628	3,523
June	823	4,039
July	419	3,937
August	351	4,150
September	547	3,390
October	674	3,844
November	750	2,947
December	395	3,566
YEAR	7,339	44,737
1988		
January	624	3,525
February	451	3,151
Cumulative	1,075	6,676
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
% Percentage Change		
Prev Month vs Curr Month	-27.7	-10.6
Month 87 vs Month 88	-36.3	6.6
Prev Year vs Curr Year	-12.5	2.3

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IMPORTS OF	GUTTA BALATA	GUTTA PARCHA	JELUTONG
1987			
January		1,240	216
February		948	120
Cumulative		2,188	336
March		2,657	1
April		1,843	210
May		1,144	81
June		2,012	121
July		1,314	120
August	54	919	121
September		1,775	117
October		1,228	161
November		405	40
December		1,468	
YEAR	54	16,953	1,308
1988			
January		1,020	
February		856	80
Cumulative		1,876	80
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
% Percentage Change			
Prev Month vs Curr Month		-16.1	
Month 87 vs Month 88		-9.7	-33.3
Prev Year vs Curr Year		-14.3	-76.2

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT

This report relies upon a panel composed of approximately seventy-five (75) companies. The monthly consumption reported by these companies is combined with data from the RMA 7 "Synthetic Rubber Producers Report", RMA 200 "Importers Shipments of Natural Rubber Latex Report", and RMA 201 "Natural Rubber Dealers Shipments Report". It is the feeling of the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee that this manner of data collection represents a valid sampling for statistical purposes.

The report presents the following categories for selected rubber types:

BEGINNING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the U.S. Government's MA30A annual report. Beginning stock figures may differ from prior month closing stocks due to inventory adjustments.

PRODUCTION: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the U.S. Government's MA30A annual report.

IMPORTS: RMA import figures are based upon Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) numbers:

Natural Rubber Dry data monitored by RMA are TSUSA Numbers: 446.0544, 446.0548, 446.0552, 446.0556, 446.0560, 446.0564, 446.0568, 446.0572, 446.0576, 446.0580, and 446.0584. The Natural Rubber Latex TSUSA Number monitored by RMA is 446.0540 with Gutta Balata, Gutta-percha, and Jelutong or pontianak derived from TSUSA Numbers 446.0510, 446.0520 and 446.0530.

RMA natural rubber import numbers do not contain TSUSA Numbers: 446.1000 (Natural rubber containing filler, etc.) and 446.1200 (Chlorinated natural rubber).

Synthetic Rubber TSUSA Numbers monitored by RMA are: 446.1539, 446.1571, 446.1576, and 446.1597 (SBR Dry); 446.1535 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1533 and 446.1557 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber import numbers do not contain the following TSUSA Numbers: 446.1544 (Styrene-butadiene containing over 50% styrene); 446.1580 (Silicone); 446.2000 (Reclaimed rubber of all kinds); and 446.3000 (Mixtures of any of the foregoing).

EXPORTS: RMA export figures are based upon the following United States Schedule B Numbers:

Natural Rubber (Dry) export number is 446.0515 and 446.0505 for Natural Rubber (Latex). RMA natural rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.1000 and 446.1200.

Synthetic rubber export Schedule B Numbers monitored by RMA are as follows: 446.1541, 446.1571, and 446.1576 (SBR Dry); 446.1536 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-Propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1547 and 446.1561 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.2000 (Reclaimed) and 446.3000 (Mixtures).

APPARENT CONSUMPTION: Figures are calculated by RMA by adding Beginning Stocks to Production and Imports, and subtracting Exports and Ending Stocks. The consumption figures for natural rubber contains International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) stock purchases, since the amounts are not disclosed for ninety (90) days. The latest available stock figure is presented for your use should you wish to subtract it from the apparent consumption figure shown.

ENDING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the U.S. Government's MA30A annual report.

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